

Health & Safety – RAMS Overview

The table below outlines primary hazard areas presenting risks on site and the controls currently in place.

1. Navigating the Farm	<i>Control Measures</i>
<p>Our site is a dynamic environment that involves moving around a variety of obstacles and relative to others engaged in a variety of tasks</p> <p>Associated risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Slips, trips, and falls -Separation from group -Garden operation obstructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Ensure appropriate footwear is worn on site (e.g. closed-toe shoes or boots recommended) → Ensure visitors are aware of appropriate pathways around site to avoid stepping through vegetable beds → Staff will provide instruction, encourage awareness, and reiterate cautions as relevant → Programme participants must be subject to direct adult supervision at all times
2. Weather Conditions	<i>Control Measures</i>
<p>Our site is primarily an outdoor venue subject to various and changeable weather conditions</p> <p>Associated risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Sun exposure (heat, UV, etc.) -Precipitation (rain, hail, etc.) -Temperature (hot, cold, etc.) -Wind (bluster, debris, etc.) -Other or extreme weather events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Check weather forecast leading up to the visit / session → Ensure staff and visitors are prepared for all potential weather conditions, including with appropriate clothing / gear and adequate sun / rain protection (e.g. sunscreen, hat, etc.) → Ensure staff and visitors bring refillable water bottles and have adequate access to potable water → Ensure activities are modified, postponed, or cancelled if unsuitable conditions are anticipated or develop → Ensure access to sheltered / indoor areas where staff and visitors can retreat in the event of a sudden inclement shift in weather conditions onsite
3. Plants, Insects and Animals	<i>Control Measures</i>
<p>Our site environment presents potential for exposure to a variety of plants, insects, and animals</p> <p>Associated risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Scrapes, cuts, or rashes -Bites, pecks, scratches, or stings -Allergic or other reactions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Prior to any activity, set clear behavioural expectations → Ensure visitors only handle / taste plants with permission → Ensure visitors only approach animals with guidance, permission, and appropriate demeanour → Identify relevant allergies prior to participation, and ensure that visitors with allergies bring appropriate protection and have all relevant information to avoid contact with allergens → Ensure access to a first aid kit
4. Hygiene and Equipment	<i>Control Measures</i>
<p>Activities on site are likely to involve working with soil, plants, animals, and preparing food using a variety of tools and equipment</p> <p>Associated risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Cuts, bruises, or other injury -Allergic or other reactions -Infection or illness 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Ensure adequate access to hand washing stations → Ensure staff and visitors wash hands after handling soil, plants, or equipment and before handling food → Ensure staff and visitors wash hands after using the toilet → Ensure individuals with allergies bring adequate protection and have all relevant information to avoid contact with allergens → Ensure visitors only handle tools and equipment with appropriate training, permission, instruction, and supervision → Ensure access to a first aid kit